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SUMMARY. THE MONTH OF JUNE WAS A BAD ONE FOR THE ROMERO ADMINISTRATION. IT CONTINUED TO PRESENT AN IMAGE OF BEING INCAPABLE OF ENSURING STABILITY AND COMBATING TERRORISM DUE TO A SERIES OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS THAT ROSE IN TEMPO TOWARDS THE END OF THE MONTH. CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS SHOWED NO IMPROVEMENT DURING THE MONTH. LEADERS OF THE NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MNR) AND THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED NATIONALIST DEMOCRATIC UNION (UDN) PRESENTED PETITIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ASKING FOR DEROGATION OF THE LAW OF PUBLIC ORDER. DIALOGUE BETWEEN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) AND GOES APPEARED TO GO NOWHERE DURING JUNE. CONFLICTING AND SCATTERED ACCOUNTS OF AGRARIAN DISTURBANCES CAUSED BY CONFLICT BETWEEN FECCAS/UTC AND ORDEN CAME IN DURING THE MONTH BUT DID NOT RECEIVE MUCH PUBLICITY IN THE PRESS. FINALLY, LABOR DISTURBANCES, HIGHER IN NUMBER THAN THE NORM THAT HAS PREVAILED IN RECENT MONTHS,
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ADDED FURTHER TO AN IMAGE OF DETERIORATION IN THE GENERAL SITUATION IN EL SALVADOR. END SUMMARY.

1. GENERAL SITUATION: FAILURE OF GOES SECURITY FORCES TO RESOLVE MATSUMOTO KIDNAPPING AND TO PREVENT OR SOLVE OTHER TERRORIST ACTS LENT FURTHER CREDENCE TO IMAGE OF ROMERO ADMINISTRATION AS BEING INCAPABLE OF ENSURING

STABILITY AND COMBATING TERRORISM. IN BREAKFAST MEETING AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ON JUNE 13 WITH AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS, COL. ROBERTO EULALIO SANTIBANEZ, DIRECTOR OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE (ANSESAL), STATED IN RESPONSE TO A DIRECT JIWVSTION, THAT HE EXPECTED FURTHER KIDNAPPINGS IN NEAR FUTURE, THAT THESE COULD WELL INCLUDE THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS, AND THAT GOES SECURITY FORCES HAD NEITHER MANPOWER NOR TECHNOLOGY TO PREVENT THIS (SAN SALVADOR 3018). STARTING ON JUNE 22 (SEE CHRONOLOGY), MOST OF THESE PREDICTIONS CAME TRUE AS RISING TEMPO OF REAL AND PERCEIVED TERRORIST EVENTS LED TO A GROWING AND GENERALIZED SENSE OF APPREHENSION WITH DEMANDS ON ALL SIDES THAT GOES "DO SOMETHING" (SAN SALVADOR 3255).

2. CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS: RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE GOES DID NOT IMPROVE DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE. IN HIS SUNDAY SERMON ON JUNE GRN ARCHBISHOP ROMERO EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE MOTHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE PEACEFUL OCCUPATION OF SAN SALVADOR OFFICE OF RED CROSS, WHICH HAD BEEN TAKEN OVER MAY 17 (SAN SALVADOR 2462). BEFORE BOARDING A FLIGHT FOR ROME, WHERE HE WAS TO HAVE AN AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE AS PART OF A SERIES OF REGULAR CONSULTATIONS THE LATTER HOLDS WITH LEADERS OF CHURCH HIERARCHIES AROUND THE WORLD, ARCHBISHOP ROMERO DENIED ALLEGATIONS MADE BY BISHOP OF SAN VICENTE EARLIER IN THE MONTH THAT THE CHURCH

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IN EL SALVADOR HAD BECOME "POLITICIZED". ROMERO HOWEVER DID NOT DISCOUNT POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSING WITH POPE THE MATTER OF THE PRIESTS SUSPENDED BY THE BISHOP OF SAN VICENTE IN APRIL FOR HAVING SIGNED LETTER CRITICAL OF PAPAL NUNCIO (SAN SALVADOR 2599).

3. AGRARIAN DISTURBANCES: ON JUNE 16, EMBOFF RECEIVED REPORTS OF CONFLICT BETWEEN FECCAS/UTC AND ORDEN IN EL PAISNAL/AGUILARES AREA (SAN SALVADOR 3105). ARTICLES IN OPPOSITION "LA CRONICA" STATED THAT "CAMPEÑINOS" WITH TIES TO FECCAS/UTC WERE FLEEING FROM EL PAISNAL AREA BECAUSE OF "THREATS AND PERSECUTION" BY ORDEN WHILE ARTICLES IN OTHER NEWSPAPERS STATED THAT "CAMPEÑINOS" WERE FLEEING FROM AREA DUE TO THREATS OF FECCAS/UTC. WHILE IT WAS HARD TO ASCERTAIN WHICH, IF ANY OF THE ACCOUNTS, WERE CORRECT, A FULL-PAGE FECCAS-UTC BULLETIN IN THE JUNE 29 "LA CRONICA" LISTED ALLEGED INSTANCES OF KILLINGS, TORTURE, AND THREATS BY ELEMENTS OF ORDEN AND THE SECURITY FORCES THAT OCCURRED IN THE CANTONS OF SAN PEDRO PERULAPAN, CINQUERA, EL PAISNAL AND AGUILARES DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE. BULLETIN WAS UNUSUAL IN THAT IN ADDITION TO NAMES OF ALLEGED VICTIMS, IT

GAVE NAMES OF ORDEN MEMBERS SUPPOSEDLY INVOLVED IN
THE INCIDENTS.

4. GOES AND OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES: ON JUNE 2,
SECRETARY-GENERAL GUILLERMO UNGO AMI OTHER LEADERS OF
NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MNR) PRESENTED A
PETITION TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ASKING FOR
DEROGATION OF THE LAW OF DEFENSE AND GUARANTEE OF PUBLIC
ORDER. ON JUNE 13, LEADERS OF THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED
NATIONALIST DEMOCRATIC UNION (UDN) PRESENTED A SIMILAR
PETITGN TO THE ASSEMBLEOM DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE CHRISTIAN
DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) AND THE GOES INITIATED IN MAY
(SAN SALVADOR 3302) APPEARED DURING JUNE TO HAVE GONE
NOWHERE. DURING JUNE, PDC PLACED FULL-PAGE NEWSPAPER
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ADS SETTING FORTH "SEVEN PROPOSITIONS" FOR THE EVENTUAL
REESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN EL
SALVADOR. ONE OF THE SEVEN PROPOSITIONS STATED
THAT "THE GOVERNMENT AND ALL THE DOMINAT GROUPS
MUST RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF AN OPPOSITION PARTY
TO CONVERT ITSELF INTO THE GOVERNING PARTY" THROUGH THE
DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.

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5. LABOR DISTURBANCES: JUNE WAS A BUSY MONTH IN TERMS OF LABOR STRIFE. ONE JUNE 6, EMBOFFS CONVEYED TO ACTING PLANT MANAGER OF EAGLE INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED CONCERNING KIDNAP THREAT TO HIM AND OTHER AMERICANS EMPLOYED AT PLANT (SAN SALVADOR 2916, 2955 AND 2982). THE LARGELY COMMUNIST-DOMINATED UNITED CONFEDERATION OF SALVADORAN WORKERS DENOUNCED WHAT THEY CLAIMED WAS THE JUNE 6 ARREST OF TWENTY WORKERS AND THE FORCIBLE EJECTION OF OTHER WORKERS BY SECURITY FORCES DURING LABOR DISPUTES AT SAN MARTIN AND USULATAN FACILITIES OF GOES-RUN INSTITUTE FOR THE REGULATION OF FOODSTUFFS (IRA). THE UNITED CONSTRUCTION WORKERS (SUTC) CONTINUED A SERIES OF WORK STOPPAGES DUE TO CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES NOT HONORING THE DECISION HANDED DOWN BY A THREE-MAN ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL LAST MARCH (SAN SALVADOR 1978). HOWEVER, ON JUNE 21, 900 SUTC WORKERS ENGAGED IN BUILDING OF HOSPITAL AT SAN MIGUEL DID RETURN TO WORK AFTER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AGREED TO COMPLY WITH ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL'S DECISION. TWO SUTC MEMBERS WERE ARRESTED BY NATIONAL POLICE ON JUNE 9 FOR PASSING OUT LEAFLETS CONCERNING

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THE SAN MIGUEL STRIKE. ON JUNE 23, LEADERS OF THE UNION AT THE INCA TEXTILE FACTORY IN SANTA ANA DENOUNCED THE ARREST OF THE UNION'S SECRETARY OF CONFLICTS. ON JUNE 12, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION "ANDES 21 DE JUNIO" STATED THAT AMONG MEMBERS WHO HAD BEEN DETAINED BY GOES, JOSE PEDRO CEDILLOS AND LUIS ANTONIO MOZO HAD BEEN SET FREE BUT THAT EFRAIN AREVALO IBARRA, MANUEL RIVERA AND HIPOLITO MARTINEZ WERE STILL HELD BY THE SECURITY FORCES. ON JUNE 21 IN SAN SALVADOR, HUNDREDS OF ANDES MEMBERS DEMONSTRATED IN PARK NEAR MINISTRY OF EDUCATION CONCERNING BETTER SALARIES, MEDICAL TREATMENT, AND BETTER CONDITIONS FOR RETIREES. ON JUNE 27, AWARDED CEREMONY IN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WAS INTERRUPTED BY CHANTS OF ANDES MEMBERS ASKING FOR RELEASE BY THE AUTHORITIES OF IMPRISONED MEMBERS (SAN SALVADOR 3497).

6. CHRONOLOGY OF OPPOSITION, TERRORIST AND SECURITY FORCES ACTIVITIES:

JUNE 2 - IN A WIDELY PUBLICIZED CASE, JOSE INES MORALES AYALA, ARRESTED IN MAY IN SANTA TECLA FOR THE MURDER OF JOSE FRANCISCO AREVALO MERINO, WAS FOUND BY MEDICAL EXPERTS TO REQUIRE EIGHT DAYS OF TREATMENT FOR BLOWS TO HIS BODY. INVESTIGATION WAS CALLED FOR BY JUDGE WHEN MORALES DENIED HIS EXTRA JUDICIAL "CONFESSION" IN COURT SAYING THAT HE HAD BEEN TORTURED. POLICE DENIED HAVING CAUSED THE BLOWS. ONE JUNE 16, JUDGE ORDERED

MORALES' RELEASE DUE TO LACK OF EVIDENCE.

JUNE 6 - IN AN ARMED CLASH IN A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT IN SAN SALVADOR INVOLVING ELEMENTS OF THE NATIONAL POLICE AND SEVEN CIVILIANS, ONE CIVILIAN WAS KILLED AND SIX CAPTURED. INSIDE THE HOUSE WHERE THE SEVEN CIVILIANS WERE STAYING, POLICE ALLEGEDLY FOUND ARMS, FALSE DOCUMENTS, AND SUBVERSIVE
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PROPAGANDA. THE POLICE MAINTAINED THAT THE DETAINEES BELONGED TO THE UNITED POPULAR ACTION FRONT (FAPU) AND THE ARMED FORCES OF THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE (FARN). FAPU DENIED THAT ANY OF ITS MEMBERS WERE AMONG THE DETAINEES.

JUNE 8 - MEMBER OF THE UNITED POPULAR ACTION FRONT OCCUPIED THE UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION CENTER IN SAN SALVADOR, HANGING BANNERS ASKING FOR THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS (SAN SALVADOR 2930). GROUP PEACEFULLY DEPARTED THE CENTER THE EVENING OF THE SAME DAY (SAN SALVADOR 2946).

JUNE 8 - IN A OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT ROMERO PUBLISHED IN "LA CRONICA DEL PUEBLO", DR. JOSE NAPOLEON GONZALEZ, DIRECTOR OF THE PAPER, COMPLAINED THAT HIS PAPER WAS BEING "STRANGLERED ECONOMICALLY" BY THE GOES BY THE LATTER'S HOLDING BACK ON PAID ADS TO HIS NEWSPAPER CONCERNING OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

JUNE 8 - THE "CAMERA PRIMERA DE LO PENAL" ISSUED A JUDICIAL ORDER PROVISIONALLY RELEASING NINETEEN OF THE PRISONERS LEGALLY DETAINED UNDER THE LAW OF PUBLIC ORDER FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION LAST JANUARY IN THE STRIKE AT THE IZALCO SUGAR REFINERY (SAN SALVADOR A-11). NONE WERE AMONG THE LIST OF POLITICAL PRISONERS WHOSE RELEASE WAS ASKED FOR BY FARN AS ONE OF CONDITIONS FOR RELEASE OF MATSUMOTO. AT THE SAME TIME, THREE OTHER DETAINEES, ALLEGEDLY MEMBERS OF FARN, WERE FORMALLY ARRAIGNED FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE STRIKE.

JUNE 8 - THE "SALVADORAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS" (SAN SALVADOR 3302) DECLARED ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE "COMMITTEE OF MOTHERS AND RELATIVES OF PRISONERS AND DISAPPEARED PERSONS" IN ITS OCCUPATION OF SAN SALVADOR OFFICE OF THE RED CROSS. TWO OF THE MOTHERS ANNOUNCED THEY WERE GOING ON A HUNGER STRIKE.

JUNE 10 - AFTER THE PRESUMED PAYMENT OF A RANSOM, LUIS MENDEZ NOVOA, KIDNAPPED ALONG WITH ERNESTO SOL MEZA EARLY MORNING
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MAY 14 (SAN SALVADOR 2367), WAS RELEASED IN A SUBURB OF SAN SALVADOR DURING THE EVENING. HE LEFT FOR THE UNITED STATES JUNE 11 (SAN SALVADOR 2981).

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JUNE 13 - THE OPPOSITION NEWSPAER "LA CRONICA DEL PUEBLO" ALLEGED THAT A CONTINGENT OF "POLICIA DE HACIENDA" AND MEMBERS OF ORDEN ILLEGALLY ARRESTED TWO CAMPESINOS ON JUNE 6.

JUNE 13 - JTDE HERNAM CORTEZ, A TEACHER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MORAZAN, WAS ARRESTED BY THE "POLICIA DE HACIENDA" AND TURNED OVER TO THE COURTS FOR ALLEGEDLY DISTRIBUTING FPL AND BPR PROPAGANDA.

JUNE 14 - IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN "DIARIO LATINO", GENERAL JOSE ALBERTO MEDRAO, FORMER HEAD OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, CALLED FOR A POLITICAL AMNESTY MORE SWEEPING THAN THAT ASKED FOR BY THE NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MNR) AND ONE THAT WOULD INCLUDE SALVADORANS INVOLVED IN ATTEMPTED MILITARY COUPS AGAINST PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTS. MEDRANO ALSO CALLED FOR THE "PLURALIZATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES" THROUGH "PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION" AS A MEANS OF PERMITTING THE POLITICAL PARTICIPATION
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OF GROUPS THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE ENGAGE IN VIOLENCE.

JUNE 14 - "LA CRONICA" REPORTED THAT FRANCISCO CHAVEZ, ALLEGEDLY KIDNAPPED ON JUNE 9 AND HELD IN A PRIVATE JAIL IN SAN VICENTE BY THE RIGHTIST WHITE WARRITRS' UNION (UGB), MANAGED TO ESCAPE ON JUNE 11. THE NEWSPAPER ALLEGED THAT CHAVEZ, A TEACHER, HAD BEEN DRUGGED AND TORTURED DURING HIS CAPTIVITY.

JUNE 18 - A HIGH-POWERED BOMB WAS DETONATED BY THE LEFTIST ERP OUTSIDE FRONT DOOR OF ARGENTINE EMBASSY. THERE WERE NO INJURIES BUT THERE WAS EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE BUILDING (SAN SALVADOR 3135 AND 3141).

JUNE 20 - "LA CRONICA" PUBLISHED A DENUNCIATION OF THE JUNE 3 ARREST OF A CAMPESINO NAMED FAUSTO ESCOBAR.

JUNE 20 - FOUR ARMED INDIVIDUALS, WHO SAID THEY BELONGED TO "REVOLUTIONARY ACTION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS" (ARDES), BRIEFLY OCCUPIED DURING EARLY MORING THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE AT JUCUAPA. THE INDIVIDUALS URGED THE STUDENTS TO "JOIN THE REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE AGAINST THE SYSTEM" AND DISTRIBUTED PROPANDA BEFORE LEAVING.

JUNE 21 - TWO CAMPESINOS (JOSE DOLORES HERNANDEZ JUAREZ AND CATERINO MARTINEZ SANCHEZ), ARRESTED BY THE NATIONBL GUARD THE PREVIOUS APRJW FOR HAVING ALLEGEDLY DISTRIBUTED FECCAS-UTC PROPAGANDA, WERE ORDERED RELEASED FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE BY THE "CAMARA SEGUNDA DE LO PENAL".

JUNE 21 - ERNESTO SOL MEZA, KIDNAPPED ALONG WITH LUIS MENDEZ NOVOA ON MAY 14, WAS RELEASED BY FPL DURING THE NIGHT OF JUNE 21-22 AFTER THE REPORTED PAYMENT OF A LARGE RANSOM (SAN SALVADOR 3172 AND 3202).

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JUNE 22 - ADOLFO MACENTEE, A PROMINENT COFFEE GROWER, WAS KIDNAPPED IN SANTA ANA BY FOUR ARMED MEN WHO, ACCORDING TO FIRST REPORTS, BELONGED TO THE LEFTIST ERM (SAN SALVADOR 3237). IN A ROMMUNIQUE, ERP DENIED HAVING KIDNAPPED MACENTEE (SAN SALVADOR 3339).

JUNE 22 - MAURICIO SANDOVAL, A PUBLIC RELATIONS EXPERT WITH MCCANN ERICKSON, AND HIS SECRETARY WERE KIDNAPPED DURING THE EARLY EVENING FROM ONE OF THE MAIN PLAZAS OF SAN SALVADOR (SAN

SALVADOR 3237). THE SECRETARY WAS RELEASED A FEW HOURS LATER THAT SAME NIGHT AND SANDOVAL WAS RELEASED BY HIS CAPTORS UNHARMED THE NIGHT OF JUNE 26-27 IN SAN SALVADOR (SAN SALVADOR 3334 AND 3339).

JUNE 22 - THE MOTHER OF DR. EDUARDO ANTONIO ESPINOZA FIALLOS, A PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EL SALVADOR, DENOUNCED THE JUNE 17 "DISAPPEARANCE" OF HER SON IN THE CITY OF LA UNION. THE MOTHER STATED THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT HER SONE WAS BEING DETAINED BY THE AUTHORITIES IN LA UNION.

JUNE 23 - TWO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, ACTING IN THE CAPACITY OF CONTRACT GURADS FOR THE DE SOLA FAMILY (ONE OF THE "FOURTEEN FAMILIES"), WERE WOUNDED IN A SHOOT OUT THAT OCCURED NEAR FORMER RESIDENCE IN SAN SALVADOR OF HERBERT DE SOLA. ONE OF THEM DIED OF HIS WOUNDS ON JUNE 27 (SAN SALVADOR 3339).

JUNE 23 - DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS, SMALL GROUP OF PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE MEMBERS OF FAPU, CARRIED OUT PEACEFUL OCCUPATION OF OAS OFFICES IN SAN SALVADOR. GROUP PEACEFULLY DEPARTED LATE AFTERNOON OF SAME DAY (SAN SALVADOR 3236 AND 3263)9

JUNE 25 - AGENTS OF THE NATIONALGUARDRAIDED A HOUSE IN SAN MIGUEL WHERE THEY FOUND QUANTITIES OF ARMS, BOMBS, AND SUBVERSIVE LITERATURE. DURING THE COURSE OF THEIR INVESTIGATION LATER THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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DAY,THEY ARRESTED LUCIA GOMEZ FOR ALLEGEDLY DISTRIBUTING SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA.

JUNE 25 - IN ZACATECOLUCA, JOSE EFRAIHUMEJIA, AN OFFICIAL OF ORDEN, WAS KILLED IN AMBUSH BY FOUR PEOPWE, ONE OF WHOM IS BELIEVED TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN LAND INVASIONS. ALSO IN ZACATZLGLUCA, AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WENT OFF IN THE CENTRAL CHURCH, SCATTERING PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS BUT CAUSING NO INJURIES.

JUNE 27 - IN SAN SALVADOR, APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS STAGED A ONE-DAY OCCUPATION, (DURING WHICH MANY FACULTY MEMBERS WERE NOT PRIMMITTED TO LEAVE) OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE "GENERAL FANCISCO MENENDEZ", IN PROTEST AGAINST THE PRESENCE OF ARMED GUARDS WITHIN THE SCHOOL AND THE CONTEMPLATED EXPULSION OF A STUDENT LEADER ACCUSED OF BEING "SUBVERSIVE".

JUNE 29 - SECURITY FORCES CARRIED OUT HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SEARCH OF HOMES IN TWO REASONABLY AFFLUENT RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF SAN SALVADOR, DURING WHICH HOUSEOF AID EMPLOYEE (NOT PRESENT) WAS FORCIBLY ENTERED (SAN SALVADOR 3342).

JUNE 30 - "LA CRONICA" REPORTED THAT A GROUP OF FIVE INMATES
AT SANTA ANA PENITENTIARY, ALLEGEDLY DETAINED DURING ANTI-
GUERRILLA OPERATIONS, HAD GONE ON A HUNGER STRIKE IN SYMPATHY
WITH THE TAKEOVER OF

SAN SALVADOR OFFICE OF RED CROSS.
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